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INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA

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AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD

1. SOMALI PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE ARRIVED IN OUAGADOUGOU FROM CONAKRY MORNING NOV 11 FOR 48 HOUR OFFICIAL VISIT. HE WAS GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME BY GOUV AND OUAGADOUGOU POPULATION. NOVEMBER 11 HAD BEEN DECLARED NATIONAL HOLIDAY WHICH PERMITTED LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY SCHOOL CHILDREN, TO LINE THE AVENUES LEADING FROM AIRPORT TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

2. DURING OFFICIAL LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 12, AT WHICH DIPLOMATIC CORPS HAD BEEN INVITED, GENERAL LAMIZANA, IN WELCOMING HIS HONORED GUEST, REFERRED TO HIM AS VITAL LINK BETWEEN ARAB AND AFRICAN STATES. IN THIS CON-
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NECTION, HE ASKED HIM TO CONVEY TO ARAB STATES CRITICAL

NEEDS OF AFRICAN STATES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. HE SAID THAT AFRICAN STATES HAD LOYALLY SUPPORTED ARAB SIDE IN ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT BUT WERE NOW "DISENCHANTED" BY LACK OF ARAB RESPONSE.

3. IN HIS REPLY, PRESIDENT SIAD REFERRED TO RECENT UN SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA AND DEPLORED POSITION TAKEN BY US, UK AND FRANCE. HE DID NOT DIRECTLY ANSWER LAMIZANA'S REFERENCE TO ARAB NEGLECT OF AFRICAN NEEDS BUT INSTEAD DELIVERED A LONG DISTRIIBE DESIGNED TO SHOW THAT WORLD-WIDE INFLATION WAS NOT CAUSED BY INCREASE IN OIL PRICES.

4. IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF VISIT, BOTH COUNTRIES CONDEMNED FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM AND CAMBOIDA; CALLED FOR THE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA; GAVE THEIR TOTAL SUPPORT TO ARAB STATES AGAINST "ZIONIST PROVOCATIONS;" AND FINALLY CONDEMNED APARTHEID AND DEPLORED VETOES IN UNSC IN SUPPORT "PRETORIA REGIME." WITH REGARD TO BILATERAL RELATIONS, BOTH COUNTRIES AGREED ON NEED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES AND DECIDED TO CONCLUDE CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS ASAP.

5. PRESIDENT SIAD LEFT OUAGADOUGOU FOR NIAMEY MORNING NOVEMBER 13. AT AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONY, IT WAS THOUGHT THAT ACCRA WOULD BE THE NEXT STOP BUT GOG APPARENTLY COULD NOT ARRANGE OFFICIAL VISIT ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. A 24-HOUR VISIT TO NIAMEY WAS ARRANGED INSTEAD AT THE LAST MINUTE AND PRESIDENT SIAD WILL PRESUMABLY ARRIVE IN ACCRA NOVEMBER 14.
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